THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir. However, the European Commission has issued a Regulation No. 972/2006 of 29.6.2006 effective from 1st July, 2006 laying down the transitional arrangement for regulation of Basmati rice imports into the European Union. Article 6 of the Regulation stipulates that, in the context of random checks, Member States shall take representative samples of imported Basmati rice which shall be sent to the competent body in the country of origin for a DNA based variety test. The Member States may also carry out variety tests on the same sample in a community Laboratory.

(b) No, Sir. The provisions of Article 6 of the Commission Regulations No. (EC) 972/2006 of 29.6.2006, as stated above, apply.

(c) All Basmati rice export consignments destined for Europe are subject to issuance of Certificate of Authenticity (CoA) by the Export Inspection Agency under the Export Inspection Council of India. For DNA testing, if an importer seeks the same from the exporter, the concerned exporters would be at liberty to approach Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad for the same.

(d) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has extended financial support of Rs. 352 lakhs to Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad for setting up of a dedicated DNA testing facility for Basmati rice. The facility is fully operational for the benefit of exporters of Basmati rice.

Housing problem in the country

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(a) whether Government are making any efforts to tackle the housing problem at rural and urban levels in the country;

(b) if so, the number of houses constructed under the different schemes during the last three years and State-wise details of the houses allocated to poor and backward people of different communities;

(c) whether Government would be able to solve the housing problem by the end of the year 2015; and

(d) if so, the number of houses targeted to be constructed every year?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) The Government is making

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

all efforts to tackle the housing problem at rural and urban levels in the country. During the last three years, 44.34 lakh houses have been constructed under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) in rural areas. State-wise houses constructed and the houses allotted to SC/STs and other communities, are given in the Statement (*see* below). In addition, HUDCO has taken up 14.15 lakh houses under the aegis of National Housing Bank (NHB) 8.02 lakh houses were taken up for construction during the last three years as per details given below:

Year	No. of houses taken up for construction in rural areas by		
	HUDCO	NHB	Total
2003-04	5.42 lakh	2.44 lakh	7.86 lakh
2004-05	8.65 lakh	2.59 lakh	11.24 lakh
2005-06	0.08 lakh	2.99 lakh	3.07 lakh
TOTAL:	14.15 lakh	8.02 lakh	23.17 lakh

In urban areas, as part of the 2 Million Housing Programme (2MHP) under National Housing and Habitat Policy 1998, the number of houses constructed during the last three years is (2MHP) given below:

Year	No. of houses constructed in urban areas by				
	HUDCO	Housing Finance Institutions (HFIs)	Public Sector Banks	Cooperative Sector	Total
2003-04	4.27 lakh	2.92 lakh	3.29 lakh	0.9 lakh	11.38 lakh
2004-05	2.55 lakh	2.35 lakh	1.99 lakh	0.71 lakh	7.60 lakh
2005-06	1.85 lakh	2.23 lakh	0.94 lakh	—	5.02 lakh
TOTAL:	8.67 lakh	7.50 lakh	6.22 lakh	1.61 lakh	24.00 lakh

In addition 2.99 lakh houses have been constructed in urban areas under Valmiki Ambedkar Awaas Yojana (VAMBAY) so far, since its inception in the year 2001-02.

Within the financial resources available, the Government is trying to tackle the problem of housing in the country. The targets under IAY are fixed every year depending upon the overall budgetary allocation for that year. However, under Bharat Nirman Programme, 60 lakh houses are envisaged to be constructed during the period of four years starting from the year 2005-06.

Statement

State-wise and category-wise houses constructed and allotted to the beneficiaries during last three years i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs	2003-04				2004-05				2005-06				Total			
		Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Others	Total	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Others	Total	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Others	Total	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Others	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Andhra Pradesh	43100	19190	43005	105295	50915	20425	54699	126039	56536	19239	56746	132521	150551	58854	154450	363855
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	6602	44	6646	0	4162	0	4162	0	5327	0	5327	0	16091	44	16135
3	Assam	17977	28536	32239	78752	29695	48997	50803	129495	23324	36722	44307	104353	70996	114255	127349	312600
4	Bihar	103714	5309	74769	183792	141564	7342	103120	252026	178659	8043	144949	331651	423937	20694	322838	767469
5	Chhattisgarh	3341	9374	5587	18302	3404	10254	6476	20134	5162	12568	8848	26578	11907	32196	20911	65014
6	Goa	10	1	222	233	15	16	397	428	10	50	555	615	35	67	1174	1276
7	Gujarat	7825	12982	10382	31189	7340	14308	12006	33654	13302	28469	23831	65602	28467	55759	46219	130445
8	Haryana	5840	0	3335	9175	5725	0	3120	8845	6090	0	3653	9743	17655	0	10108	27763
9	Himachal Pradesh	1829	116	1896	3841	2240	308	2201	4749	1523	224	1284	3031	5592	648	5381	11621
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	8412	8412	0	0	7252	7252	0	0	8231	8231	0	0	23895	23895
11	Jharkhand	13608	28059	18623	60290	17398	28192	20491	66081	18619	33805	22979	75403	49625	90056	62093	201774
12	Karnataka	21639	7554	20640	49833	22880	7339	20488	50707	24621	9158	23165	56944	69140	24051	64293	157484
13	Kerala	20508	2431	16886	39825	22071	2002	15758	39831	18817	1981	15615	36413	61396	6414	48259	116069
14	Madhya Pradesh	20660	23351	21757	65768	23594	27052	14719	75365	17727	22522	19171	59420	61981	72925	65647	200553
15	Maharashtra	34555	29793	38787	103135	37504	27620	40325	105449	31667	25826	63561	94054	103726	83239	115673	302638
16	Manipur	95	1367	204	1666	122	5250	448	5820	60	4429	473	4962	277	11046	1125	12448

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	Meghalaya	252	6015	198	6465	93	4533	39	4665	222	6305	151	6678	567	16853	388	17808
18	Mizoram	0	2202	0	2202	0	2052	0	2052	0	2182	0	2182	0	6436	0	6436
19	Nagaland	0	5966	0	5966	0	5099	0	5099	0	7949	0	7949	0	19014	0	19014
20	Orissa	60495	32747	60963	154205	33643	23917	32331	89891	32083	21770	33217	87070	126221	78434	126511	331166
21	Punjab	5093	0	957	6050	3806	0	654	4460	6730	0	1138	7868	15629	0	2749	18378
22	Rajasthan	16837	10213	14838	41888	13374	6951	10745	31070	17609	7733	13129	38471	47820	24897	38712	111429
23	Sikkim	120	859	1062	2041	221	604	759	1584	230	388	678	1296	571	1851	2499	4921
24	Tamilnadu	33304	2109	21656	57069	35306	1425	21956	58687	39032	1384	26018	66434	107642	4918	69630	182190
25	Tripura	3395	7080	4528	15003	2386	5359	4387	12132	2392	5183	4327	11902	8173	17622	13242	39037
26	Uttar Pradesh	117404	96	73450	190950	120411	560	78125	199096	112072	452	73017	185541	349887	1108	224592	575587
27	Uttaranchal	10743	1586	9337	21666	11687	2304	12385	26376	6931	1875	12916	21722	29361	5785	34638	69764
28	West Bengal	47025	11074	32502	90601	76623	20070	58905	155598	47277	14852	37130	99259	170925	45996	128537	345458
29	A&N Islands	0	402	269	671	0	217	120	337	0	0	90	90	0	619	479	1098
30	D&N Haveli	0	14	0	14	0	108	0	108	0	101	0	101	0	223	0	223
31	Daman & Diu	0	2	5	7	0	8	1	9	0	5	1	6	0	15	7	22
32	Lakhshadweep	0	14	0	14	0	16	0	16	0	48	0	48	0	78	0	78
33	Pondicherry	104	0	160	264	53	0	35	88	76	0	162	238	233	0	357	590
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